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Deputy Director

Susan J. Sullivan has more than thirty years of experience in the water pollution prevention and resource protection industry. She is a decisive leader known for her ability to exercise initiative and resourcefulness in complicated situations. Her extensive responsibilities include overall supervision of the Commission's staff of more than one hundred, oversight of business operations and programmatic activities, and preparation and management of the Commission's \$24-million annual budget.



Ms. Sullivan joined NEIWPCC in 1989 as an environmental analyst after working in the engineering consulting industry. For the past twenty years, she has served as the Commission's deputy director. She focuses on implementing environmental policies and programs of the highest priority to state and federal agencies.

Before becoming deputy director, Ms. Sullivan served as NEIWPCC's assistant director for water quality protection and training. She oversaw the management of all Clean Water Act program activities as well as the operation of the Commission's Environmental Training Center in South Portland, Maine. Ms. Sullivan was NEIWPCC's project officer for environmental education, water quality planning and standards, wetlands protection, nonpoint source pollution, watershed management, resource protection, residuals management, combined sewer overflows, stormwater, wastewater treatment plant management, and underground storage tank issues.

In her role as deputy director, Ms. Sullivan advises NEIWPCC's Commissioners, state and federal agency staff, and the public on multiple water-related matters. She works with state staff to reach consensus on technical aspects of complex issues and serves as a technical writer on position papers. She also represents NEIWPCC and our member states through leadership roles with various regional and national organizations. This includes participating on the board of directors of the Association of Clean Water Administrators and serving as an active member of its audit committee.

Ms. Sullivan also actively contributes to the executive and steering committees of the Narragansett Bay Estuary Program, serving as a board member. In 2014, she was appointed to a six-year term as a senior fellow of the Coastal Institute, which works on environmental problems affecting coastal ecosystems from its headquarters on the Narragansett Bay campus of the University of Rhode Island.

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Since 2015, Ms. Sullivan has served as a Water Environment Federation (WEF) Delegate where she has represented the New England Water Environment Association (NEWEA) in WEF's House of Delegates, serving on the body's outreach and strategic planning committees. She also served on the awards committee and acted as a liaison with the House of Delegates Water Advocates—Value of Water Work Group. Since 2013, she has been an active member of the WEF Government Affairs Committee. Ms. Sullivan presently chairs that committee's national Legislative Subcommittee.

Her current and past volunteer efforts for NEWEA include serving as a member of its wetlands, personnel advancement, and CSO and wet weather committees. In addition, she chaired NEWEA's public education and government affairs committees. She is a member of the Select Society of Sanitary Sludge Shovelers, New England Chapter.

Previously, Ms. Sullivan has chaired and served as a board member for the Interstate Council on Water Policy, a national organization of state and regional water resource management agencies. She actively served on the group's membership and nomination committees. From 2008–2013, Ms. Sullivan was an active member of the Water Environment Research Foundation's Research Council, an engaged group of professionals working towards better environmental stewardship and effective solutions to water quality problems.

Education and Certifications:

M.S., Environmental Science, New Jersey Institute of Technology

B.S., Environmental Biology, Southampton College

Management and Leadership Certificate, Middlesex Community College

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